

### Amendments to the Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A media editing method for editing media including an image sequence ~~comprised of~~ comprising a plurality of images showing a user partially or entirely as a subject, said media editing method ~~comprising the steps of:~~

extracting a region from ~~said the~~ images partially or entirely including the user ~~partially or entirely;~~

determining whether or not the user included in the region extracted in said ~~extracting-step~~ operation is facing a predesignated direction;

selecting a part of the image sequence between time points determined as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction in said ~~determining-step~~ operation by scanning ~~said the~~ image sequence from a start point to an end point, and from the end point to the start point; and

editing the media including the part of the image sequence selected in said ~~selecting-step~~ operation.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~determining-step~~ determines operation ~~comprises determining~~ whether or not the user included in the region extracted in said ~~extracting-step~~ operation is facing the ~~front~~ frontwards.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, further ~~comprising the step of~~ detecting a sound included in ~~said the~~ media, ~~and wherein~~

~~said selecting-step~~ selects operation ~~comprises selecting~~, by scanning the image sequence from the start point to the end point, and from the end point to the start point, the part of ~~said the~~ image sequence ~~satisfying as being~~ between the time points determined in said ~~determining-step~~ operation as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction, and between time points at which ~~a the~~ sound is ~~each~~ detected.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-step ~~specifies~~ operation comprises specifying the part of the image sequence selected in said selecting-step operation by a description in a meta-data format.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-step ~~clips~~ operation comprises clipping out the part of the image sequence selected in said selecting-step operation from said the media.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-step ~~selects the~~ operation comprises selecting a first image in the part of the image sequence selected in said selecting-step operation as an initial display image.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-step ~~calculates~~ operation comprises calculating a partial region corresponding to said the image sequence based on a position and a size of the region extracted in said extracting-step operation, and performs performing editing by using said the partial region.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim ~~6~~ 7, wherein said editing-step ~~specifies said~~ operation further comprises specifying the partial region by a description in a meta data format.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-step ~~arranges a~~ operation comprises arranging text included in said the media onto an arrangement region which is so set as not to overlap at all or overlap as little as possible the region extracted in said extracting-step, or to overlap as little as possible if overlaps operation.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein

~~said extracting-step~~ extracts operation comprises extracting a face region including ~~the user's~~ a face of the user, and

~~said editing-step~~ arranges a operation comprises arranging text included in ~~said the~~ media onto a speech bubble region which is so set as not to overlap ~~at all~~ or overlap as little as possible the region extracted in ~~said extracting-step~~, ~~or to overlap as little as possible if overlaps~~ operation.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said editing-step~~ performs operation comprises performing an image conversion process for one or more of ~~said the~~ images.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein

~~said extracting-step~~ extracts operation comprises extracting a face region including ~~the user's~~ a face of the user, and

~~said editing-step~~ refers operation comprises referring to a face characteristic calculated based on the face region extracted in ~~said extracting-step~~ operation, and from a character database storing a plurality of character images and ~~the face characteristic~~ each characteristics corresponding thereto, selecting one or more of ~~said the~~ character images.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim ~~11~~ 12, wherein ~~said editing-step~~ calculates said operation comprises calculating the face characteristic based on character data inputted by the user.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim ~~11~~ 12, wherein ~~said editing-step~~ calculates said operation comprises calculating the face characteristic based on a length-to-width ratio or a partial characteristic of a face in the face region extracted in ~~said extracting-step~~ operation.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A media editing device for editing media including an image sequence ~~comprised of~~ comprising a plurality of images showing a user partially or entirely as a subject, said media editing device comprising:

a region extraction part for extracting a region from ~~said the~~ images partially or entirely including the user ~~partially or entirely~~;

a predesignated face orientation determination part for determining whether or not the user included in the region extracted by said region extraction part is facing a predesignated direction;

a frame selection part for selecting a part of the image sequence between time points determined as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction by said predesignated face orientation determination part by scanning ~~said the~~ image sequence from a start point to an end point, and from the end point to the start point; and

an editing part for editing the media including the image sequence selected by said frame selection part.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, further comprising a sound detection part for detecting a sound included in ~~said the~~ media, ~~and wherein~~

said frame selection part selects, by scanning the image sequence from the start point to the end point, and from the end point to the start point, the part of ~~said the~~ image sequence ~~satisfying as being~~ between the time points determined by said predesignated face orientation determination part as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction, and between time points at which ~~a the~~ sound is ~~each~~ detected.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part selects ~~the a~~ first image in the part of the image sequence selected by said frame selection part as an initial display image.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part calculates a partial region corresponding to ~~said~~ the image sequence based on a position and a size of the region extracted by said region extraction part, and performs editing by using ~~said~~ the partial region.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part arranges ~~a~~ text included in ~~said~~ the media onto an arrangement region which is so set as not to overlap ~~at all~~ or overlap as little as possible the region extracted by said region extraction part, ~~or to overlap as little as possible if overlaps.~~

20. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein

said region extraction part extracts a face region including ~~the user's~~ a face of the user, and

said editing part refers to a face characteristic calculated based on the face region extracted by said region extraction part, and from a character database storing a plurality of character images and ~~the face characteristic~~ each characteristics corresponding thereto, ~~selecting~~ selects one or more of ~~said~~ the character images.

21. **(Currently Amended)** A program recorded on a computer-readable recording medium ~~on which a program is recorded~~ to be carried out by a device for editing media including an image sequence ~~comprised of~~ comprising a plurality of images showing a user partially or entirely as a subject, said program comprising ~~the steps of:~~

extracting a region from ~~said~~ the images partially or entirely including the user ~~partially or entirely;~~

determining whether or not the user included in the region extracted in said extracting step operation is facing a predesignated direction;

selecting a part of the image sequence between time points determined as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction in said determining step operation by

scanning-said the image sequence from a start point to an end point, and from the end point to the start point; and

editing the media including the image sequence selected in said selecting-step operation.